(c) The Government proposes to sign similar agreement with other countries which have significant number of Indian workers.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. Whenever, any case relating to payment of compensation in respect of any emigrant comes to the notice of the Ministry, the matter is taken up immediately with the Indian Embassy/ Mission concerned, who in turn takes up the matter with the foreign employer for payment of suitable compensation. During 2006-07, out of the 19 compensation related cases taken up by the Ministry, compensation has been paid in four cases.

The Government has also strengthened the emigration division of the Ministry to process such cases speedily as and when they are received.

The labour agreement signed between India and some of the labour receiving countries also take care of such matters.

Amendment in Anti-Dowry Law

†3876. SHRI MAKENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Non-Resident Indians have made a demand to Government with regard to making an amendment in the Anti-Dowry Law; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) A couple of representations have been received against alleged misuse of Section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code and based on the comments of National Commission for Women and Crime Against Women Cell, Delhi Police, the Government is of the view that no dilution of the provisions relating to dowry is advisable considering the continuing violence against women and their subordination.

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†3877. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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